

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 97,008-W)

1743

Application of:

COPELAND, et. al

Serial No.: 09/931,513

Filed: August 16, 2001

For: Automated Biological  
Reaction Apparatus

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: P. Bex

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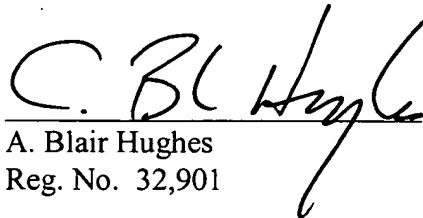
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

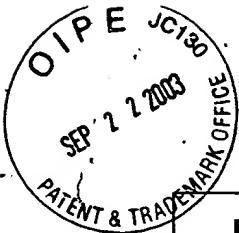
In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a. Petition for Three Month Extension of Time
  - b. Reply to March 19, 2003 Official Action
  - c. Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to additional fees:
  - a. Attached is a check in the amount of \$930.00
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450 on this 18th day of September, 2003.

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

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| <b>ADDRESS TO:</b><br><br><b>Commissioner for Patents</b><br><b>P.O. Box 1450</b><br><b>Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450</b> | Attorney Docket No.: 97,008-W  |
|   | Application No.: 09/931,513    |
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to and including September 19, 2003.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))               | \$       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))              | \$       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$930.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))             | \$       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))             | \$       |

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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| Name      | A. Blair Hughes     |
| Reg. No.  | 32,901              |
| Signature | <i>C. BL Hughes</i> |
| Date      | September 18, 2003  |

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